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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 23, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 and Remarks submitted below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 10 of this paper.

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